

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
EASTERN DIVISION**

Edwin Hall,

Plaintiff,

: Case No. 2:20-cv-1501

-vs-

Judge Sarah D. Morrison  
Chief Magistrate Judge Preston Deavers

Richard D. Wetzel, *et al.*,

:

Defendants.

**ORDER**

This matter is before the Court upon consideration of an Order and Initial Screen Report and Recommendation (R&R) issued by the Magistrate Judge on August 14, 2020. (ECF No. 7). In that filing, the Magistrate Judge recommended that Plaintiff Edwin Hall's action be dismissed pursuant to *Younger v. Harris*, 401 U.S. 37 (1971). Alternatively, the Magistrate Judge recommended dismissal of the case as to Defendants Judge Richard D. Wetzel and Prosecutor Charles T. McConville on immunity grounds and as to Defendant Public Defender James Pyle for failure to state a claim under § 1915. Lastly, the Magistrate Judge recommended that the Court decline to exercise supplemental jurisdiction over any state-law claim for attorney malpractice.

The time for filing objections has passed, and no objections have been filed. For the reasons set forth in the R&R, the Court hereby **ADOPTS** the R&R (ECF No. 7) and **DISMISSES** Plaintiff Edwin Hall's Complaint in its entirety. The Clerk is **DIRECTED** to send a copy of this order to the Ohio Attorney General's Office, 150 E. Gay St., 16th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

With respect to any application by petitioner to proceed on appeal *in forma pauperis*, the Court certifies pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(3) and the reasons set forth in the R&R that an appeal of this Order would not be taken in “good faith,” and therefore **DENIES** petitioner leave to appeal *in forma pauperis*. See Fed. R. App. P. 24(a); *Kincade v. Sparkman*, 117 F.3d 949, 952 (6th Cir. 1997).

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

/s/ Sarah D. Morrison  
**SARAH D. MORRISON**  
**UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**